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Title: Microsoft readies browser update.
(Internet Explorer 3.0) (Brief Article)
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Full Text:

Microsoft Corp. is expected to ship on August 12 the final version of Internet Explorer 3.0, which adds Java Just-in-Time and an Administration Kit, among other features.

Java Just-in-Time is designed to speed the processing of Sun Microsystems Inc. Java applets in the browser. The Administration Kit will let managers configure and customize browsers in groups, allowing managers, for example, to distribute all the browsers on a network with similar mail and tool-bar configurations.

IE 3.0 also adds a number of security improvements, including the capability to turn on "cookie privacy," which makes it possible to disable "cookies," the small files that exchange information between browsers and World Wide Web servers. Authentication using firewall proxies and certificates also has been added.

IE 3.0 will be the last browser shipped by Microsoft before it integrates browser functionality with its operating systems. Internet Explorer 4.0, expected before year-end, will ship as an upgrade to Microsoft Windows 95. Although Microsoft had planned to deliver an alpha version of Explorer 4.0 at a workshop for press and analysts last week, the company told LAN Times before the conference that the alpha code for Internet Explorer 4.0 would not be ready.

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